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radiation to the hairs and follicles.

³₁ (Amended) The method of claim [2] 1, wherein the skin region has an epidermis layer which is in contact with said device, and wherein the [contact] device, when in contact with the [skin], epidermis layer is cooled to a temperature below that of the skin region in order to increase the damage threshold of the epidermis layer in the skin region.

^{Sub p1} 18. (Amended) A hair-removal device for simultaneously removing multiple hairs, each of which is in a corresponding follicle[s], from a skin region of a patient, comprising:

means for generating optical radiation; and

an irradiating unit including a contact device for receiving and then delivering the radiation to the skin region of the patient, including the hairs and follicles in said skin region. said contact device comprising a large-area, optically transparent apparatus having a surface shaped to [simultaneously] contact [the multiple hair follicles in the] said skin region.

¹⁵₁₈ (Amended) The hair removal device of claim ¹⁴₁₈, wherein said surface is [either] convex [concave, or substantially flat].

Claim 9, line 1, change "8" to --7--.

Claim 10, line 3, change "hair" to --the--.

Claim 21, line 1, change "20" to --19--.

line 2, change "is" to --includes--.

Claim 23, line 2, after "index" add --substantially--.

Please delete claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 17, and 20 and add the following new claims

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¹³₂₅ The method of claim 1 including applying pressure to the device, whereby the skin region in contact therewith is deformed.

²¹₂₆ The hair removal device of claim ¹⁴₁₈ including means for cooling the surface of the optically transparent apparatus in contact with said skin region to a temperature below that of the skin region.